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**Testimony to the House Judiciary Committee
In Support of HB2299
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Chairman Patton and Committee Members:

We support HB2299 extending the time limitations to execute a search warrant from 96 hours to 10 days. Our research found articles stating 10 days was the typical limitations across the states. We also were able to verify only 1 other state that has a 96-hour limitation (Illinois). Of the 19 states our research covered, we only found 2 states with a limitation under 10 days. We also found 5 states with a limitation over 10 days ranging from 14 days to 60 days.

Border States: We found the following time limits for our border states: Oklahoma-10 days; Missouri-10 days; Nebraska-10 days; Iowa-10 days; and Colorado 14 days.

10th Circuit States: We were also able to determine the time limitation for other states in the 10th Circuit are: Utah-10 days; Wyoming-10 days; Colorado-14 days; Oklahoma-10 days; and New Mexico-10 days.

The longer periods for execution of search warrants will assist law enforcement by offering a broader time frame to choose the best time to serve the warrant based on safety considerations for the officers, the occupants of the place being sought, and others near the location the warrant is served. It also allows more opportunities to serve the warrant at a time affording the best opportunity to recover the items being searched for.

We urge you to move HB2299 favorably for passage.

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